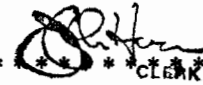


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ORDER FOR STAY PENDING
TRANSFER DECISION BY THE
JUDICIAL PANEL ON
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION.

Pursuant to the Stipulation between the parties, the Court hereby stays all pre-trial proceedings in this action including completion of any Form 35 Report pending the likely transfer of this action to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, *In re VIOXX Products Liab. Litig.* (MDL-1657) in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2005.

BY THE COURT:


Charles B. Kornmann, Judge

ATTEST:

Joseph Haas, CLERK

By Baibara J. Paepke
Deputy